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Applicants:	Soumya P. Sahoo, et al.		
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For:	BENZOPYRANCARBOXYLIC ACID DERIVATIVES FOR THE TREATMENT OF DIABETES AND LIPID DISORDERS		Examiner: Taofiq A. Solola

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 9, 2003, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. No extension fee is due. If any other fee is required in connection with this response, the fee may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 22 of this paper.

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